

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA**

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UNCOVERED AREAS OF U.P.
BALIRAM

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of cities/towns in Uttar Pradesh where telecast and broadcast facilities of Doordarshan and Akashvani have not been made available so far;
- (b) whether the Government propose to provide telecast and broadcast facilities in these places also;
- (c) if so, the places identified for this purpose so far and the steps taken to provide these facilities expeditiously; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a): Locations of AIR & DD transmitters are not planned city-wise/town-wise but are planned with a view to providing maximum coverage in hitherto uncovered areas. All India Radio and Doordarshan signals reach 99.75% and 95.8% of the population respectively in the State of U.P. The area-wise coverage of AIR and DD is 99.3% and 88.5% respectively.

(b), (c) & (d): In order to extend DD service further, the following TV transmitter projects are under implementation in the State:-

DD I transmitters

(i) HPTs - Banda, Lakhimpur & Faizabad

(ii) LPTs - Bidhuna, Kosi & Norora

DD II transmitters

(i) HPT - Gorakhpur

(ii) LPTs - Baroily, Jhansi, Aligarh

In respect of AIR, the following schemes are under implementation.

(i) Replacement of existing 2x250 KW SW Transmitter at Aligarh.

(ii) Replacement and upgradation of existing 100 KW MW Transmitter at Nazibabad.